

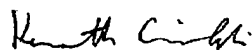
REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 and 7-15 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 9 and 10 are independent. Claims 2 and 4-6 were cancelled in a previous paper. Claims 1, 3 and 7-10 have been amended. New claims 13-15 have been added. Support for the amendments to the claims, and for new claims 13-15 is found in the specification as detailed in the table presented below. New range endpoints are drawn from data points in the examples; each data point used displays synergy against at least one microorganism. The MPEP allows use of data points from the examples to create new range endpoints in the claims. See M.P.E.P. § 2163.05(III).

amended range	source in specification
benzoic acid	Table 1, data for <i>C. albicans</i> and <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
sorbic acid	Table 2, data for <i>S. aureus</i>
1,2-dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane	Table 4, data for <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
1,3 dimethylol-5,5-dimethylhydantoin	Table 5, data for <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
phenoxyethanol	Table 6, data for <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
zinc pyrithione	Table 7, data for <i>A. niger</i> and <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
climbazole	Table 8, data for <i>C. albicans</i>
benzyl alcohol	Table 9, overlapping ranges from all four organisms

If the Examiner has any objections to the application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone at (847) 649-3891 to discuss the remaining issues.

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